



Kansas Board of Barbering Winter Newsletter – 2015 & 2016

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In an effort to improve communication with barbers in Kansas, we are creating a quarterly newsletter.

Any ideas you have for content, style or form are welcomed and encouraged. Please send any ideas to KBOB's Administrative Assistant and Editor, Sonia Sprouse. Sonia's email address is listed below.

To keep your personal contact information up to date, please e-mail Sonia your current e-mail address and cell phone number. Thank you!

Website: <http://kbob.kansas.gov/> We hope using the website will make it easier for you to renew your licenses. It will also give you updated barbering information.

Barbers: To use the website to renew licenses, you will need the last 4 numbers of your social security number. The information you need for renewal or late renewal is on the back of your license.

Shops: Owners/Managers have the responsibility to ensure your license and all barber licenses are current.

Instructors: Watch for information coming on the web for teaching tips and techniques.

Questions: Please contact your board members and/or staff at the KBOB Office – 700 SW Jackson, Suite 1002, Topeka, KS 66603 or by phone (785) 296-2211.

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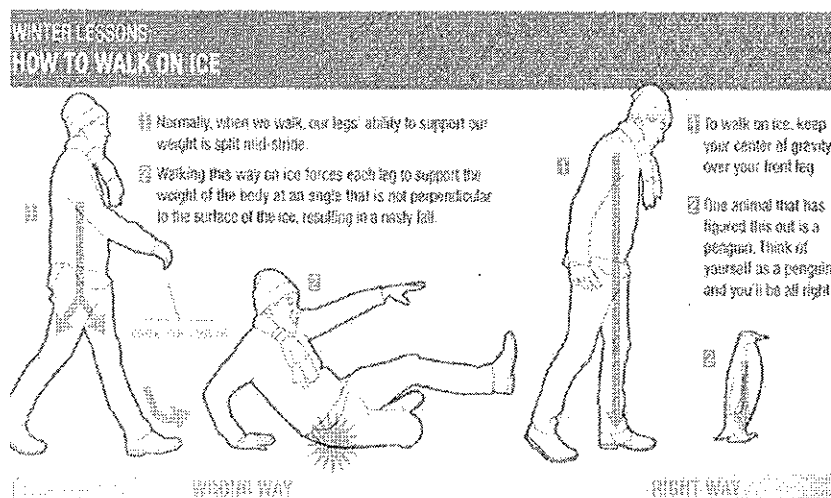
Barbering History: Why display a red and white barber pole?

The first barber organization was formed in Rome around the year 1094. At that time, barbers were referred to as barber surgeons, because they also performed teeth extraction, cupping and leeching, bloodletting, surgery and enemas. Some of the more modern barber practices, such as shaving, hair cutting and hair styling, were also performed. The occasion of an adolescent boy's first shave was seen as a major rite of passage in ancient societies, so it was not uncommon for a celebration to take place at the barber shop during the shaving.

The red and white pole that you see outside many barber shops is in reference to a time when barbers were expected to engage in bloodletting in order to heal people. The ribbons represent two bandages, with one being red for the color of blood and the other being white to represent the color of the bandage to stop the bleeding.

Check out the National Museum and Barbering Hall of Fame's very cool website for information about a great place to include in this year's family vacation plans. <http://www.nationalbarbermuseum.org/>

Safety tips for winter – Clean off any steps and walks around your shop. Make certain you have an area for clients to clean their shoes so they do not slip on a wet floor. It is Kansas, so try to remain prepared for winter storms. If you must walk on ice, try to think like a Penguin . . .



Next exam date is January 10th at Headlines Barber Academy, 4327 State Avenue Registration at 7:15